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SYSTEMS AND TECHNIQUES FOR ) 3738  
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RESPONSE TO PTO COMMUNICATION

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In response to the communication from Examiner Snow dated September 29, 2006, which alleged the response dated July 21, 2006 to be not fully responsive, please consider the following. This response includes the entirety of the prior response, for the sake of convenience, and addresses the allegations made in the communication of September 29, 2006. No fees or extensions are believed to be due for consideration of this paper, but if any fees are deemed due, or if any extensions of time are deemed to be necessary, please provide such extensions and charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include issue fees.

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